

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1333 H STREET, N.W., SUITE 200, WEST TOWER
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TT04-6, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VERIZON
WASHINGTON, DC, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE GENERAL
REGULATIONS TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 201

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 2-505 of the District of Columbia Code,¹ of its intent to act upon the Application of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC")² in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NOPR") in the *D.C. Register*.

2. On November 22, 2004, Verizon DC filed an Application³ requesting authority to modify the following tariff page:

GENERAL REGULATIONS TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 201

Section 1A

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3. Verizon DC's Application proposes to eliminate the exemption of Directory Assistance from the Gross Receipts Tax Surcharge.⁴ Verizon DC alleges that it is paying a gross receipts tax rate of 11% on the revenues from Directory Assistance and that it has not been able to recover this cost through the allowed surcharge.⁵ In addition, Verizon DC maintains that this filing complies with the Price Cap Plan 2004.⁶

¹ D. C. Code, 2001 Ed. § 2-505.

² *TT04-6, In the Matter of the Application of Verizon Washington, DC, Inc. For Authority to Amend the General Regulations Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C.-No. 201*, Letter to Christine D. Brooks, Commission Secretary, from J. Henry Ambrose, Vice President for Regulatory Matters of Verizon DC, re: TT04-6, filed November 22, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Application").

³ Application at 1.

⁴ *Id.* Verizon DC proposes to change the footnote in Gross Receipts Tax Surcharge to include all services and remove the exemption of surcharges for Directory Assistance.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Formal Case No. 1005, In the Matter of Verizon Washington, D.C. Inc.'s Price Cap Plan 2002 for the Provision of Local Telecommunications Services in the District of Columbia*, Order No. 13370, rel. September 9, 2004. Additionally, in 2001, the Commission denied the same revision because the Price Cap Plan of 1999 viewed surcharges as an increase in customer rates and therefore, contrary to the spirit of the Plan. See, *TT00-14, In the Matter of the Application of the Verizon Washington, DC Inc. for the Authority to Amend the General Regulations Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 201*, Order No. 11938 rel. March 2, 2001.

4. This Application may be reviewed at the Office of the Commission Secretary, 1333 H Street, N.W., Second Floor, West Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the tariff pages are available upon request, at a per-page reproduction cost.

5. Comments on the proposed tariff must be made in writing to Christine D. Brooks, Commission Secretary, at the above address. All comments must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Persons wishing to file reply comments may do so no later than 45 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Once the comment and reply comment period has expired, the Commission will take final rulemaking action on Verizon DC's Application.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

**TT04-7, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VERIZON
WASHINGTON, DC, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE LOCAL
EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 203**

1. The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") hereby gives notice, pursuant to Section 2-505 of the District of Columbia Code,¹ of its intent to act upon the Application of Verizon Washington, DC Inc. ("Verizon DC")² in not less than 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NOPR") in the *D.C. Register*.

2. On November 24, 2004, Verizon DC filed an Application³ requesting authority to modify the following tariff page:

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF, P.S.C.-D.C. No. 203

Section 31

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3. Verizon DC's Application proposes to increase rates for Verizon Regional Package and Regional Package Extra.⁴ Verizon DC alleges that these increases are within the limits established by Price Cap Plan 2004.⁵

4. This Application may be reviewed at the Office of the Commission Secretary, 1333 H Street, N.W., Second Floor, West Tower, Washington, D.C. 20005, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the tariff pages are available upon request, at a per-page reproduction cost.

¹ D. C. Code, 2001 Ed. § 2-505.

² *TT04-7, In the Matter of the Application of Verizon Washington, DC, Inc. For Authority to Amend the Local Exchange Services Tariff, P.S.C.-D.C.-No. 203*, Letter to Christine D. Brooks, Commission Secretary, from J. Henry Ambrose, Vice President for Regulatory Matters of Verizon DC, re: TT04-7, filed November 24, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Application").

³ *TT04-7*, Application at 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

5. Comments on the proposed tariff must be made in writing to Christine D. Brooks, Commission Secretary, at the above address. All comments must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Persons wishing to file reply comments may do so no later than 45 days of the date of publication of this NOPR in the *D.C. Register*. Once the comment and reply comment period has expired, the Commission will take final rulemaking action on Verizon DC's Application.